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Web Announcement 292

Important Reminder for Provider Type 12 Regarding Hourly Observation Services

On Aug. 14, 2008, Provider Type 12 (Hospital, Outpatient) providers were instructed in [Web Announcement 205](#) to bill for hourly observation services using Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) code G0378 only.

Claims billed for hourly observation services using Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) codes 99218-99220 or 99234-99236 will be denied for reimbursement effective with dates of service on or after Oct. 1, 2009. Providers will need to rebill these services using HCPCS code G0378.

In addition, reimbursement for physician-ordered observation status is limited to 48 hours per episode of care.

For additional policy information, see the [Medicaid Services Manual \(MSM\) Chapter 200](#) (at <http://dhcfp.nv.gov>) and for additional billing information see the [Billing Guidelines for Provider Type 12](#) (at <https://medicaid.nv.gov> select “Billing Information” from the “Providers” menu).